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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCTION OF METAL SLURRY, AND
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCTION OF INGOT

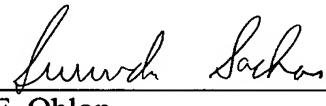
REQUEST FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS

This application qualifies for small entity status.

Respectfully Submitted,

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FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 288939US0X PCT
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP05/09586	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE May 19, 2005	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/574493
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCTION OF METAL SLURRY, AND METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCTION OF INGOT		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED NONE
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Tetsuichi MOTEGI, et al.		MAIL STOP PCT
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). </p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). </p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> If the declaration is in a language other than the English language, it is accompanied by an English translation. The translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.69) </p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).</p>		
Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTO-1449 b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cited References 5 c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Relevancy d. <input type="checkbox"/> List of Related Cases. </p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>22. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Drawings (6 Sheets), Request for Small Entity Status</p>		

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The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
34. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee.....		\$300		\$300.00	
25. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0 All other situations..... \$200				\$200.00	
26. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).... \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB \$400 All other situations..... \$500				\$400.00	
TOTAL OF 24, 25 AND 26 =				\$900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole)	RATE		
- 100 =	0 / 50 =	0	x \$250.00	\$0.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$130.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	16	- 20 = 0	x \$50.00	\$0.00	
Independent claims	8	- 3 = 5	x \$200.00	\$1,000.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +	\$360.00	\$360.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$2,390.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				(\$1,195.00)	
		SUBTOTAL =		\$1,195.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				+ \$0.00	
		TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$1,195.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+ \$0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Petition fee of \$1,500.00 for Petition to Revive (37 CFR 1.137 (b)).				+ \$0.00	
		TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$1,195.00	
		Amount to be refunded:		\$	
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<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u> in the amount of \$____ to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
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